



# Removing Dell Inspiron 1150 Palm Rest

The purpose of this guide is demonstrate how to remove the palm rest (sometimes referred to as the top cover) on the laptop

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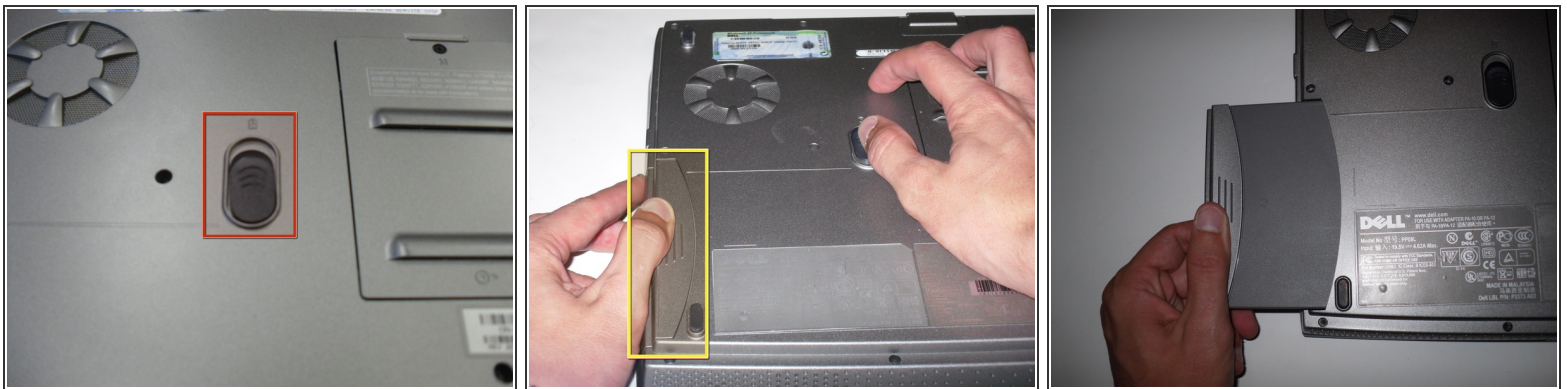




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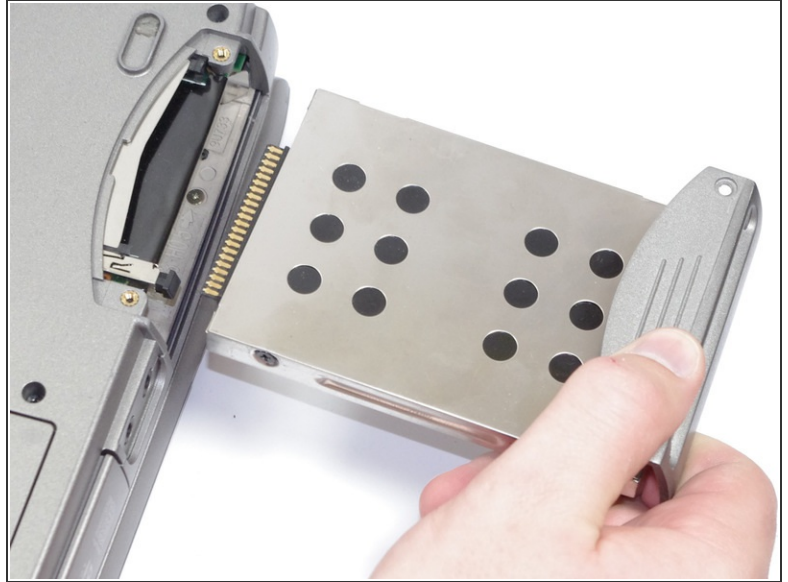
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## Step 1 — Battery



- Place the laptop upside down on a clean, flat surface.
- Locate the battery release button with the padlock symbol above it.
- Slide the battery release button towards the padlock symbol and hold it there. Note that the button is spring loaded and will return if released.
  - ❗ The battery is now released from the battery compartment.
- Gently remove the battery from the side of the laptop.

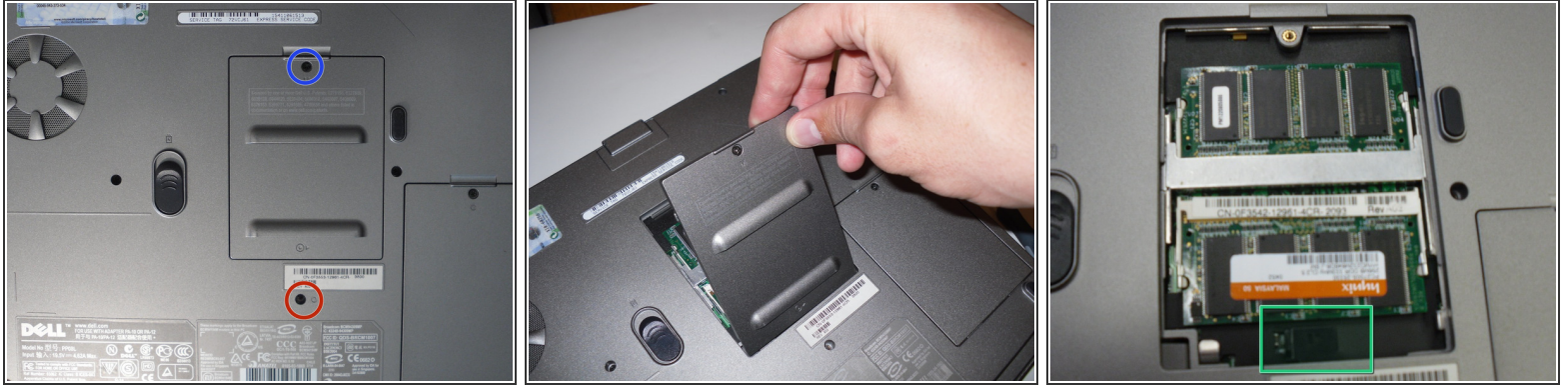
## Step 2 — Hard Drive



- Place laptop upside down on a clean flat surface.
- Remove 2ea M2.5 x 5 mm screws.
- Pull the HDD from main body of the laptop.



### Step 3 — Optical Drive (Based on Dell Service Manual)



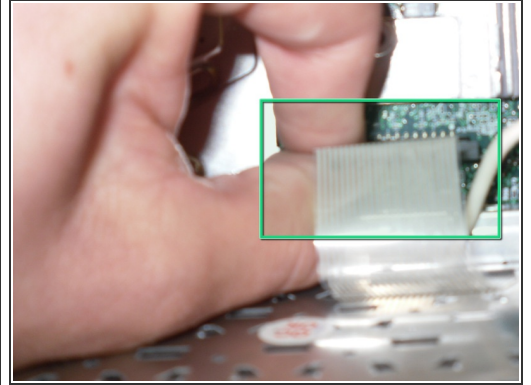
- Place laptop upsid down on a clean flat work surface.
- Remove the Philips M2.5 x 8 mm screw
- Loosen the screw that holds the memory compartment closed
- remove the memory module compartment cover
- Press the Optical Drive release lever to the right and the optical drive should slide out of the case

### Step 4 — Keyboard



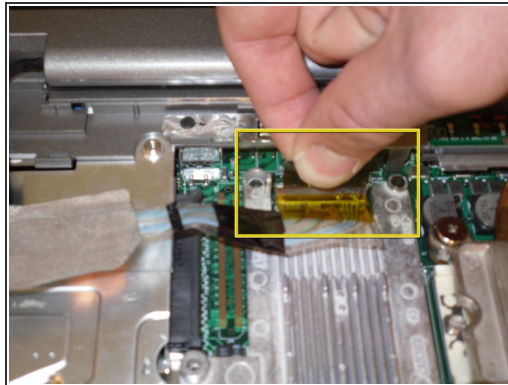
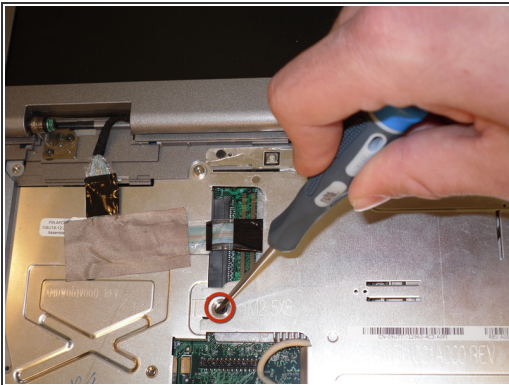
- Use a spudger to lift the notched right edge of the hinge cover, and pry it loose
- ⚠ You need to lay the LCD screen down flat to allow the hinge cover to be lifted off
- Lift the hinge cover off and set aside

## Step 5



- Remove 4ea M2 x 3mm keyboard screws
- Lift up keyboard from the rear to expose the connector below
- Disconnect the keyboard ribbon cable from the motherboard

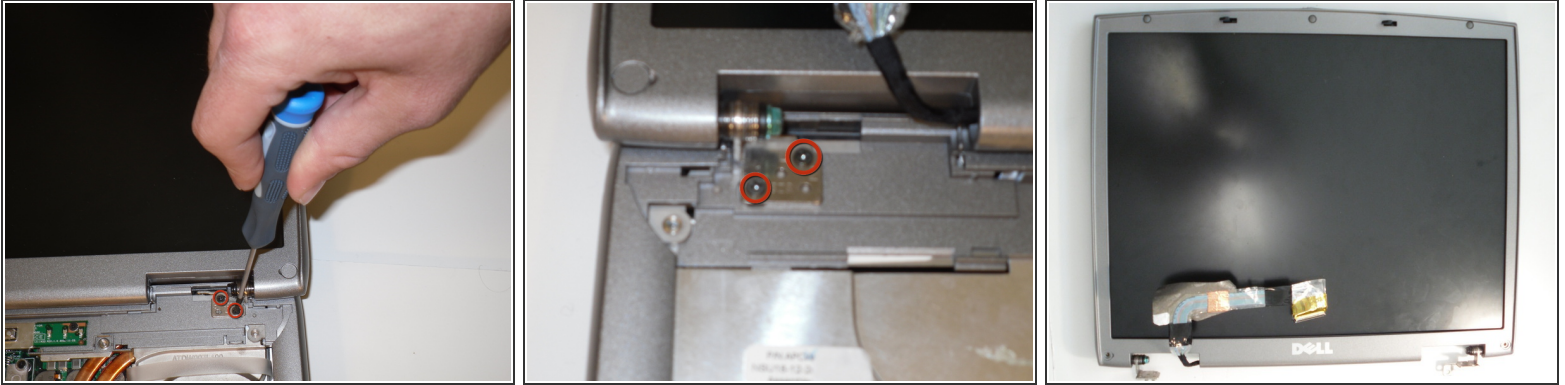
## Step 6 — Display Assembly




- Remove 1ea M2.5 x 8mm screw holding the EMI shield in place
- Remove the EMI shield to expose the LCD ribbon cable
- Gently pull up on the tab to disconnect the ribbon cable from the main board
- Close the lid carefully and remove the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws from the rear of the case



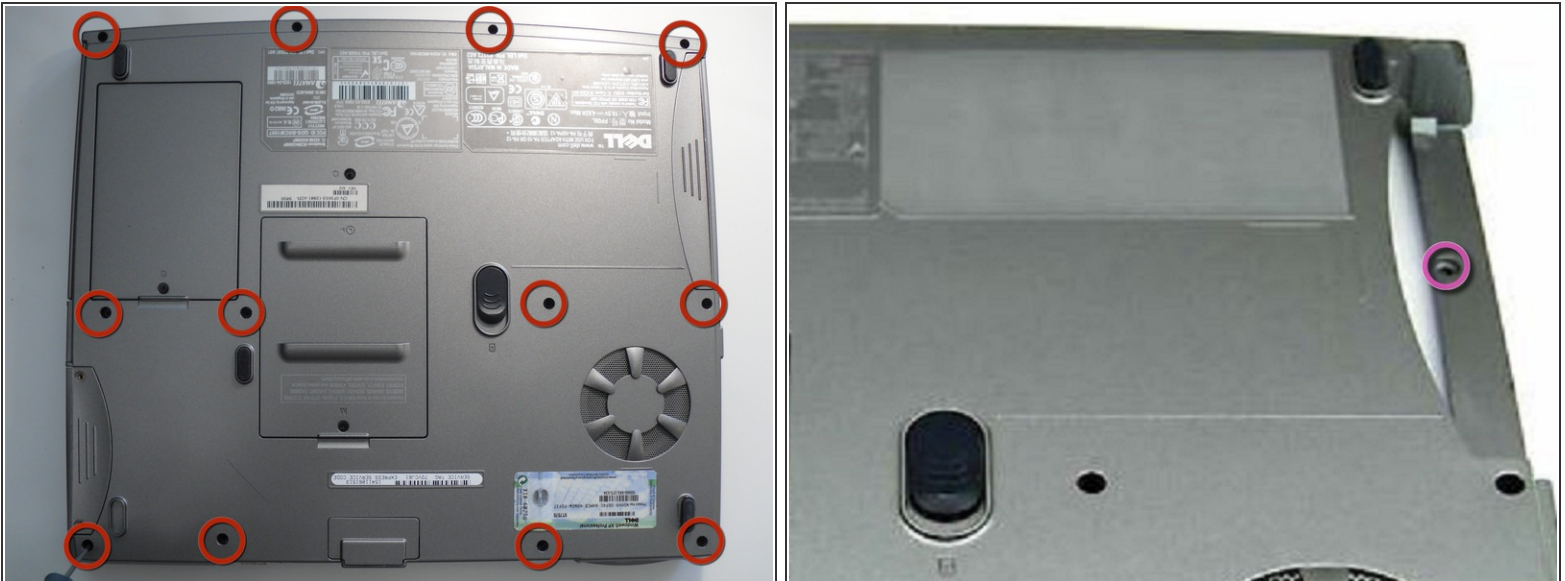
## Step 7



 Open the lid and support the Display Assembly while performing the next step to avoid it falling down when the hinge screws are removed

- Remove 2e M2.5 x 5mm screws from each hinge bracket
- The Display Assembly can now be lifted free of the laptop body

## Step 8 — Removing the Palm Rest (Top Cover)



- Turn the computer over and remove the twelve M2.5 x 8-mm screws
- Remove the M2.5 x 4-mm screw from the battery bay

## Step 9



- Turn the computer over and remove the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws from the top of the palm rest.
- Disconnect the mouse pad cable from the main board.
- Starting at the back center of the palm rest, separate the palm rest from the base by lifting the inside edge of the palm rest.

⚠ Be careful when separating the palm rest from the base, to avoid damage to the palm rest.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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